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### **Countdown to Celebration of Summer, Saturday, May 21st**



# MORNINGSIDE LENOX PARK

A S S O C I A T I O N

## Let's Get Summer Started!

Join us at MLPA's Celebration of Summer!

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Saturday, May 21st, 2016 • 5:30 - 8:30 pm  
Sidney Marcus Park

Going strong for almost 40 years, Celebration of Summer is a great way to get summer started! Music by Carter Rude and Friends! Fun for the kids including Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Pony Rides, Balloons, and Fun! Great food and non-alcoholic beverages will be for sale, but please feel free to pack your coolers!

A Special Thanks to all our Sponsors - All who love Morningside Lenox Park!

### Friends of Celebration of Summer

Please become one of our *Friends of the MLPA Celebration of Summer* and help the MLPA with the Annual event for the Neighborhood! Any donation is appreciated!

**Donations can be sent to:** Morningside Lenox Park Association, Celebration of Summer, P.O. Box 8156, Atlanta, GA 31106

### Sponsors (3330)


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There's only 10 days left before MLPA's Celebration of Summer, our annual kick off of the season! For more than 40 years we have marked the end of the school year and beginning of summer with a jam packed celebration with fun for everyone.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of this event and we still have slots we need to fill! If you are planning to attend, please [volunteer to help out](#) for just an hour. There are a lot of jobs we need to fill, but if everyone chips in, we can ensure another great event for all!

The fun kicks off with music by Carter Rude & Friends, along with pony rides, face painting, and bounce houses for the kids. Hamburgers, hot dogs and non-alcoholic beverages will be for sale, but please feel free to pack your coolers!

The party relies on the support of sponsors. Their funding offsets the costs of producing the event. Please remember to thank the sponsors, listed above, and support their businesses!

	<b>\$30 - 3 course menu, Tuesday to Thursday dinner</b> <b>\$15 - 2 course menu, Tuesday to Friday Lunch</b> <b>\$25 Wine &amp; \$35 Champagne Tasting, 1st &amp; 3rd Wed.</b> <b>1620 Piedmont ave., Atlanta - <a href="http://www.atmospherebistro.com">www.atmospherebistro.com</a></b>
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## Fundraiser for Smith Park this Sunday!

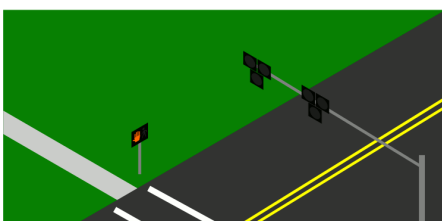


We had meeting with the city parks department and will be getting started with work at Smith Park in the next few weeks. Be on the lookout as we start the renovation of the fountain, restoring this landmark as a fitting welcome to our neighborhood.

Funding is still needed to complete the project and the landscaping to enhance the park. Please help us close the gap by supporting the park at the fundraiser or by going to [www.mlpa.org/smithpark](http://www.mlpa.org/smithpark) and click the [Donate Now Button](#).

**Neighbors are hosting another fundraiser for Smith Park at Smith's Olde Bar, this Sunday, May 15, 5-10 PM.** Come hear music, sample BBQ and brews and mix with neighbors while helping fund the refurbishment of the fountain at Smith Park. Contact Rae Conlan to sign up, [raeconlan@yahoo.com](mailto:raeconlan@yahoo.com).

## Safety



New crosswalks like the one at [Monroe and the entrance to Piedmont Park](#) are cropping up, but there seems to be confusion about the rules for drivers and pedestrians. To clarify, when the lights are flashing yellow, drivers should prepare to stop and pedestrians should wait to cross. When the lights turn red, drivers must stop and pedestrians can cross-the pedestrian cross walk light will indicate that it is safe to do so.

The biggest area of confusion is what happens next, when the pedestrian sign starts flashing and counting down to zero and the traffic signal flashes red. At that



starts flashing and counting down to zero and the traffic signal flashes red. At that point, pedestrians may still cross the road—drivers are required to stop if there are still any pedestrians at or in the crosswalk.

Please be careful when driving through the neighborhood—getting to your destination a few minutes earlier is not worth risking injury. Note that with summer approaching, there will be more kids out on our streets. As signs in the neighborhood counsel, **Drive Like Your Kids Live Here!**

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## Traffic Committee Update

The Traffic Committee has seen progress on many fronts. The Millcreek development on Piedmont Ave. has opened all lanes with new traffic signals in operation; new dedicated turn lane onto Cheshire Bridge as well as new dedicated turn lane with signal and no time restrictions onto Piedmont Circle.

Out of the Traffic Forum, Councilman Wan submitted two pieces of legislation, both of which have passed and awaiting implementation. The 4 way stop at Lanier Blvd. and Amsterdam Ave. was passed as well as the speed reduction on N. Morningside between N. Highland Ave and Lanier Blvd. from 30 mph to 25 mph.

The MLPA Master Traffic List is being reviewed by Councilman Wan so we are able to target the concerns that can realistically be moved forward. More success to come!!!! Any concerns, please send to [traffic@mlpa.org](mailto:traffic@mlpa.org).

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## Vote May 24th

Tuesday, May 24th, 7:00 AM-7:00 PM, there is a local election. One item on the ballot is the Education Special Local Option Sales Tax (E-SPLOST) to continue a one-cent sales tax that already exists. It will fund capital projects across APS, including many within the Grady Cluster:

- Renovation of Morningside Elementary to address recommendations from the 2015 Facilities Conditions Assessment. (\$20 million)
- Renovation of and addition to the David T. Howard Building to become the Grady cluster's new middle school (\$47 million plus \$5 million from the current SPLOST).
- Renovation of and addition to Grady High School that would add 18 classrooms, science labs, and a new administrative suite. (\$33 million)
- Technology upgrades across the system, replacement of our school bus fleet, upgrades to the district's athletic fields and stadiums, and investments in our safety and security systems.
- Plans for the Grady Cluster also include using \$8 million from the current SPLOST for athletic practice fields at the Walden site in Old Fourth Ward, and for using the Inman facility for additional elementary school capacity for the cluster in the future.

In addition, there are several other items. Go to <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do> to check your registration and locate your polling location.

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## Developments on the Beltline

Community engagement meetings on proposed plans are being held during the month of May. MLPA Parks Committee Representatives are attending, but neighbors are also encouraged to make their voices heard.

**-Tuesday, May 10, 2016** from 6-7:30pm at Trees Atlanta (225 Chester Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316): Special Call-Northeast + Southeast Study Group Meeting: Provide feedback on conceptual layouts for Bill Kennedy Way and hear updates on the Eastside Trail extension construction

**-Monday, May 16, 2016** from 6:30-7:30pm at KIPP STRIVE Academy (1444 Lucile Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30310): Southwest Study Group Special Call Public Meeting - Updates for the building at 1385 Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard and Building #11 at the Murphy Crossing site

**-Tuesday, May 17, 2016** from 6:30-8pm at James Orange Recreation Center (1305 Oakland Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30310): Southwest Study Group Special Call Public Meeting - Murphy Crossing Economic Feasibility Study

**-Monday, May 23, 2016** from 6:30-8pm at Atlanta Community Food Bank (732 Joseph E Lowery Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30318): Westside Study Group Resident Roundtable

**-Thursday, May 26, 2016** from 6:30-8pm at West Hunter Street Baptist Church (1040 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd, Atlanta, GA 30310): Southwest Study Group Subarea 1 Proactive Rezoning. Subarea 1 includes the West End, Westview, Bush Mountain, Cascade Avenue/Road, Oakland City, Mechanicsville, Pittsburgh, and Adair Park neighborhoods and NPIUs I, S, T and V.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Atlanta Beltline Community Engagement Manager, Nathan Soldat, at 404-477-3552.

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## Join the Green Stewards--Support Trees and Conservation in Morningside Lenox Park



Neighbors interested in preserving our green canopy, are seeking recognition for you love the shade and wildlife homes that our trees offer? Consider joining Green Stewards to protect our neighborhood trees, both in parks and on private property.

Our first event will be to attend the presentation on the City of Atlanta Tree Ordinance at Trees Atlanta on Tuesday, May 17. Please see the invitation below. We will meet at Morningside Presbyterian Church at 5:30pm to carpool to the Trees Atlanta treehouse. If you are interested in finding out more about the City of Atlanta's Tree Ordinance, this presentation is for you. The seminar is free if you register in advance.

[Click here for more information](#) and to register with Trees Atlanta. If you want to carpool with the group from MLPA or learn more about our work, please email Marti Breen ([mbreen@c3marketing.com](mailto:mbreen@c3marketing.com)).

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## MLPA Recognizes Volunteers

A donation to Morningside Presbyterian Church, the gathering place for most MLPA meetings and forums, was made to honor the service of the outgoing board of directors. We wanted to recognize their work on behalf of the neighborhood and felt a donation to the church that has offered us use of their space so generously over the years was an appropriate token of our appreciation.

During the April board meeting, Susan Schlittler, Member At Large and tireless MLPA volunteer announced her retirement. We welcomed Phyllis Wingo to the board to replace Susan. We made a donation to Trees Atlanta to have a planting done in Smith Park to recognize Susan's many contributions to the life of our community.

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## Neighbors Win Concessions on Oak Knoll Redevelopment

News recently reached us of another win for the neighborhood due to community activism as an agreement was reached on the Oak Knoll apartment complex. Many of you will remember that they had requested rezoning that was contrary to the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) by effectively placing a high density multi-family housing unit within the bounds of the MLPA neighborhood.

Oak Knoll's plans also called for a multi-story parking deck near some of our neighbors' backyards. The neighborhood activists were able to preserve the CDP hard cap (allowing no more than 29 units per acre) and the prohibition on high-density multi-family in MLPA's neighborhood core. A negotiated cap of no more than 97 units and zoning to MR-3A-C (low density multi-family) was agreed upon along with prohibitions on a standalone parking deck and a deck that allows parking from other properties. In addition, all parking within 60 feet of single family property must be under or completely wrapped/encapsulated by the buildings.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this win possible.

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## Update on Elizabeth Lane / Sheridan Road Rezoning

Many of you have been following the progress of Pulte Development's proposed rezoning of the Elizabeth Lane cul-de-sac and adjoining properties on Sheridan to allow a multi-family development on the site. The rezoning request was inconsistent with the city of Atlanta's Comprehensive Development Plan and was opposed by a majority of NPU-F when the neighborhood met.

On May 2 the City Council voted unanimously to deny the application for rezoning, ensuring that the CDP remains in force in our neighborhood. Thanks to all who worked on this issue.

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## Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 15. 5-10 PM, Smith's Olde Bar Fundraiser for Smith Park, Upstairs at Smith's Olde Bar

Saturday, May 21, 5:30-8:30 PM, MLPA's Celebration of Summer, Sidney Marcus Park

Tuesday, May 24, 7 AM-7 PM, Vote in the local election, check <https://www.mvp.sos.ga.gov/MVP/mvp.do> for polling locations

Tuesday, June 7, 7 PM, MLPA Zoning Committee Meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, 1411 North Morningside, enter from the Wessington Parking Lot, all are welcome to attend

Monday, June 10, 7 PM, MLPA Board Meeting, Morningside Presbyterian Church, , 1411 North Morningside, enter from the Wessington Parking Lot, all are welcome to attend

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## This Is YOUR Newsletter

Please contact [communications@mlpa.org](mailto:communications@mlpa.org) with comments on our newsletter. We welcome your input and will consider all suggestions.

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### Neighborhood Meeting Schedule:

MLPA Zoning Meetings - 1st Tuesday of every month, 7:00 pm, Morningside Presbyterian Church

MLPA Board Meetings - 2nd Monday of every month, 7:00 pm, Morningside Presbyterian Church

MLPA board meetings - 2nd Monday of every month, 7:00 pm, Morningside Presbyterian Church  
NPU-F Meetings - 3rd Monday of every month, 7:00 pm, Hillside Facility, 1301 Monroe Drive

*All neighborhood meetings are open to the public and your involvement is always welcome.*

**Quick Links:**

[MLPA](#) - Morningside Lenox Park Association website

[NPU-F](#) - Neighborhood Planning Unit F website

[APD](#) - Atlanta Police website-- we are in Zone 2

[PEDS](#) - A quick link to report pedestrian hazards to city

[City of Atlanta](#) - City's website

[Atlanta District 6](#) - Our City Council District website

[VHMPA](#) - Virginia Highland Morningside Parent Association

[NextDoor](#) - Neighborhood list serve- not affiliated with MLPA

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